

Rev Mr Linsley

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Dear Mr Phelps

16 Orange St

subject of slavery & opposing it as
a criminal sin. In most things
you & I entirely agree - in a few
things we do differ. nevertheless I
shall pray for you that God ^{will} give
you wisdom - to let you back from
wrong influences & excite you to every
good work - & in any step you take
that is calculated to ~~take~~ ^{improve} & take off the
& reach off from ~~1~~ ¹ ~~offense~~ I do smile
rejoice. — Yours truly & ever
J. W. Alden

I hope you will go to 1 South Street
no man is entirely fitted to oppose
slavery who has not seen it, & conversed
face to face with slave holders. So I
think — I'll I can't stop to number
my pen.

with us tomorrow at 2 o'clock P.M.

I have not told you yet how
bad I feel about yr leaving the
city & perhaps you have taken my
silence for satisfaction. But I do
feel very, sadly about it. I had
rather have you for a fellow
laborer with yr anti-slavery than
almost any other brother without it.
Indeed since anti-slavery movements
are getting ^{to be guided by} cooler heads &
sturdier hands, I like can hardly
be said to be opposed. In proof of
this I can tell you I still take
brother Leavitt's paper & read it
with but little vehement excitement,
except it is now & then ^{when} a sentence
~~that~~ sounds as the Garrison felt
the pen. I wish you got success
in stirring up feeling on the

Wednesday morning

Rev. J. Linsley

Brother Phelps

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I have been wishing
to invite you to dine with me
before you left the city, but
have been prevented by the changed
state of our family. I now need
to know whether you & brother
Waterman ~~cannot~~ ^{the one of} come & take
tea with us at an early hour
say 4 or 5. If you cannot
will you not be able to call
with him before you leave the
city. No later will he arrive.
In case you are unable to call at
all I wish you to say to brother Waterman
he will greatly oblige us by dining